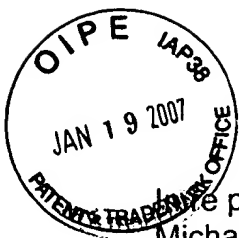


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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

Applicants herein respond to the Final Office Action mailed November 20, 2006 in the above-captioned patent application. A response is due February 20, 2007. Applicants believe that no fee is due at this time. However, in the event that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 08-1641. Accordingly, consideration of the amendments and remarks that follow is requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as set forth in the amendments below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.